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Applicants : John Saarinen et al.  
Serial No. : 09/839,914  
Filing Date : April 20, 2001  
For : HYDRAULIC POWER STEERING  
SYSTEM WITH RESERVOIR AND  
METHOD OF OPERATING SAME  
Group Art Unit : 3681  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002,  
reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in  
view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 5, and 8 as obvious  
under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Borman, U.S. Patent No. 3,789,865,  
in view of Luibrand, U.S. Patent No. 5,505,276, Bullard et  
al., U.S. Patent No. 3,886,814, and Harper, U.S. Patent No.  
6,066,060. The rejections of claims 1, 5, and 8 are  
respectfully traversed.

With regard to claim 5, claim 5 depends from claim 13 but  
has been rejected using fewer references than claim 13. This  
rejection is improper. In rejecting claim 13, the Examiner  
cited Few et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,035,903. However, Few et  
al. was not cited in rejecting claim 5, which is dependent

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